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ECONOMY THE WATCHWORD

Legislature Is Sincere in Its Efforts to Cut Expenses.

NO OPPOSITION IN SENATE

Governor Will Have Easy Time Getting His Appointments Confirmed. Removal of Pardon Board Members. Governor's First Housecleaning Move. Militia Officers Worried.

Lansing.—That the extensive legislative program outlined in Governor Osborn's inaugural message will receive careful attention from the members of both houses of the legislature is a safe prediction. A majority of the members are in harmony with the progressive ideas of the governor, and a number of bills following the lines indicated in Mr. Osborn's message have found their way into the legislative hopper.

The standpatters and adherents of the Warner administration are preparing a fight to the last ditch in their obstruction to a number of progressive and constructive bills. Among the bills that will be fiercely attacked is the employers' liability bill and the bill that will provide for workmen's insurance.

Opponents of these measures declare that these bills will never be reported by the judiciary committee. The friends of the governor will be determined to have a discussion of



GOVERNOR CHASE S. OSBORN.
His Action in Demanding Resignations
of Pardon Board Members Has
Placed Many Officeholders on the
Anxious Seat.

these measures on the floor and, if necessary, will force committees who fail to report bills to return them to the house by using the constitutional provision which allows fifty-one members to discharge any committee from further consideration of bills.

Will Practice Economy. The legislature is sincere in its effort to cut down the fixed expenses of the body. There will be fewer janitors, committee clerks and messengers, and no junkets. This will mean a great saving to the state. Jobseekers still believe that some of the members will weaken on this proposition and will pass a resolution to increase the number of employees. Speaker Baker will be obdurate, however, and is strong enough to head off such a move. Baker's intention to have fewer women clerks around the legislative halls meets with universal approval, except from those members who want to place some special lady friend on the legislative pay roll.

State Library Haven of Refuge. The elimination of women clerks from the house has caused a wall of north and some harsh comments from the clerks employed in the state library. After every session it has been the custom to provide places for the women employed in the legislature in the state library. When the next session convened there was a rush from library to the legislature for salaries there are better and work easier. Baker put an end to this practice.

Senate Friendly to Governor. The expected opposition in the senate to Governor Osborn will not materialize. The governor will not difficulty in getting his appointments confirmed. A number of ex-Governor Warner's foes' appointments will not be opposed by Mr. Osborn. Wherever his position has been filled by the ex-governor with men of unquestioned integrity and ability. Governor Osborn will give his approval and hearty cooperation to these officials in the discharge of their duties.

While some lively fights can be expected from some of the progressive measures, in the main, the senate can be depended on as being with the governor on all principal points.

Legislative Investigation.

Governor Osborn in his message asked for legislative investigation of various state departments. Before a clean bill of health is given, the de-

partment under investigation will be the object of careful scrutiny by the investigation committee. While it is not charged that there are irregularities or any breaches in the laws governing these departments, good results can be expected from such investigation, and many changes for the better can be advocated by the members in their final report to the legislature. A number of joint resolutions will be introduced in the near future demanding the appointment of investigating committees.

Upper Peninsula Delegation.

The operation of the primary law for the first time in selecting members for the legislature in the upper peninsula has resulted in the return of a delegation from that part of the state of strong and progressive legislators. The members of the upper peninsula have a startling program, and representatives from the lower peninsula who usually treat the upper peninsula as the bulwark of retrogression and conservatism are surprised at the radical and progressive program of the upper peninsula members.

Representative Anthony Lucas of Houghton County.

Representative Anthony Lucas of Houghton county will shortly introduce a bill providing for mine inspection of the iron and copper mines of the state. The present mine inspection, he claims, is a farce and without regard to the health and safety of the men employed in that dangerous occupation. Mr. Lucas proposes to make inspectors elective by the people of the respective counties in which they serve and thus divorce them from the board of supervisors, who now have the appointing power of mine inspectors. Mr. Lucas is also in favor of an employers' liability law and will be ready to introduce such a measure within a short time.

Workingmen's Insurance.

In conformity with Governor Osborn's suggestions as to workingmen's insurance, Representative Lucas will shortly introduce a joint resolution calling for the appointment of a joint committee of the house and senate to investigate the matter of workingmen's insurance and draft a bill for consideration of the legislature.

U.P. Delegation Against Tonnage Tax.

The upper peninsula delegation is against a tonnage tax, which they deem unfair. They are, however, in favor of just and equitable taxation of all property, and in this they will have the support of the farmer members of the lower peninsula. Representatives Peter Jensen of Delta, Knight of Diceman, Fields of Chippewa, and Symonds of Menominee, will renew the fight for two-cent fares for the upper peninsula. They will have the co-operation and support of the entire upper peninsula delegation, with the possible exception of Representatives Edwards and Morgan.

Central Purchasing Board.

Representative Ogg of Wayne county will introduce a bill providing for a central purchasing board. The governor, auditor general and attorney general will constitute the board, and through a secretary, will advertise for bids for all supplies consumed in the various state institutions. The headwears of these institutions will draw upon the purchasing board by requisition for any supplies needed in their respective departments.

Removal of Pardon Board.

The removal of two members of the pardon board by Governor Osborn shows plainly the desire of the chief executive to clean up and out any officials who are delinquent in their duties and have disregarded the laws of the state. There are a number of other boards which may suffer a like fate as the pardon board. The pardon board is deemed by many members of the legislature a useless and expensive luxury. The pardoning power is a prerogative of the governor and the duty of the pardon board is only advisory. The executive clerk acts as secretary of the pardon board and is thoroughly familiar with all work and applications for executive clemency. It is argued that the state can get along without this board by placing the pardoning power and its responsibility with the governor, where it properly belongs.

Abolishment of the Land Office.

Governor Osborn in his message recommends the abolishment of the land office. This department has outlived its usefulness, and its duties can be well taken care of by transferring the records and titles held by the land department to the auditor general's department. In about two years there will be very little land left for the disposal by the state to prospective home seekers. The new constitution wisely permitted the legislature to discontinue the land department when necessary, but before this can be done a number of new laws must be passed, for the commissioner of the land office is a member of a number of state boards, such as the board of state canvassers, state board of auditors and state board of equalization.

New Law.

A number of militia officers have been in the city lately in the interest of several brigadier generals who are in danger of being deprived of their gold braid and brass buttons by Governor Osborn. The governor intends to place the militia of Michigan on the same footing as the regular army. The Michigan brigade is to be commanded by a brigadier general who has a staff to look after the details and the administrative management of the troops. This change will do away with three brigadier generals and a number of colonels.

MAX SOCHA.

SHE WAS SUPERIOR

TALES OF HER PAST

"I shouldn't have blamed Fred a bit," said the girl who was wearing a recently acquired diamond ring. "If he had broken the engagement. Of course, I am just the same person I've always been, but it must have smashed his idea of me into smithereens, for at first he had a queer notion that I am closely related to the angels."

"It isn't that," Ethel said once in a burst of confidence to a friend. "It's simply that we are the most interesting family in town, really. We're not humdrum!"

Ethel was a girl with a certain amount of lank, posturist style about her, an Ethel Barrymore face and a college degree. When she had returned home after her graduation Ethel immediately inquired for a list of the poor families of town, insisted on starting a boy's club and announced that the vacant lots were to be beautified.

It was thus she interpreted her duties and opportunities in the town of her birth. She said Millerville needed a reviving influence and an original mind behind it to develop its possibilities, and she refused to join the Longfellow Literary society as another way of being interesting. The sooner Millerville got over that sort of thing the better it would be, she said.

The young people were decidedly uncomfortable about Ethel. Her father was the president of the biggest bank in town and owned stock in nearly every important enterprise, to say nothing of his farm lands throughout the state. You can't sniff and pass by the daughter of a man like that, soothed your wounds by calling her stuck up and silly. The others suffered in her presence, wondering if she accounted them interesting or mentally herded them among the scots.

There was no doubt about the Lingers as a family were out of the ordinary. They had meals when the family happened to want them, not at set and regulated times, and they had a tumbol court in the greatest part of their front lawn instead of a row of stiff flower beds.

Also if they felt like sitting up all night and making us sleep in the daytime, they did so, and they did not put on winter clothes Oct. 15, regardless of the temperature. They didn't believe in flannels at all.

Of course, Ethel was asked everywhere. If she was at a party it was known as a social success and if she wasn't the daily paper merely ran a two-line item with no headlines. People suffered from her presence and also from her absence and could never quite make up their minds which of the two evils was the worse.

None of the young men of Millerville dared to single Ethel out, because they were afraid of her. They called on other girls who had been away to school and lived in comfortable mansions, but Ethel was different. Always they writhed when they conversed with her, under the sense that she did not find them interesting. She had a way of sweetly making them sensible of their own limitations. Naturally, she was an object of despairing admiration to them, others certainly was a fascination about her looks and the way she wore her clothes, and in spite of her topographical air she had a distractingly simple in each cheek. Everybody knew there wasn't a man in town good enough for Ethel Lingler's notice.

When Oscar Farwell went there to enter the leading law firm the girls, of course, talked him over. They asked Ethel what she thought of him. She raised her eyebrows a mere trifle and smiled gently.

"Mr. Farwell," she said, "is absolutely impossible. These breezy, self-sufficient individuals always prove to be exceedingly conceited, ordinary young men and not in the least interesting."

Whereupon the listening girl rejoiced greatly, for they secretly admired this same young Farwell and had been afraid of Ethel's fancying him. She snubbed him serenely and condescendingly on all occasions but he did not retire, apashed, as had all the other young men of Millerville. At first she seemed to be an object of amusement to him, then he settled down to the task of getting acquainted with her, totally ignoring her polite jabs and her open disdain, much as a grown-up person might ignore an infant's beating one with its fists.

After a while he asked her to marry him. Ethel merely sat and regarded him from large eyes of amazement that presently flickered and drooped under his.

"Will you tell me," she began, in a strictly controlled voice, "just why you should choose to want to marry me?"

"Well," he told her, after considering a moment. "It's because you'd be such a nice girl. If somebody'd known those idiotic ideas of your superiority and originality out of your head, that I couldn't resist undertaking the job myself. I'm too conservative at soul just how to be particularly madly in love with you, but I know I shall be just as good as you find out you're not tell about all the flirtations I had ever had from the cradle up. And I had really convinced Fred that he was the only man I had ever thought of twice."

The girl with the engagement ring heaved a deep sigh.

"We are still engaged," she said, "and Fred insists that he feels just the same as ever toward me, but I can hardly believe it."

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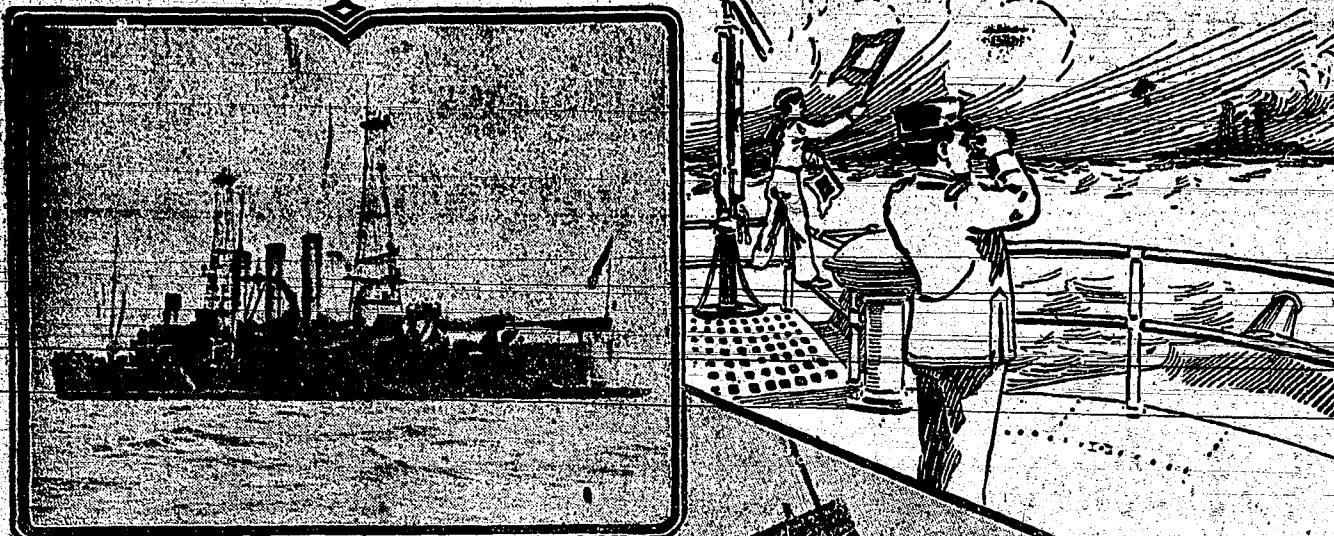
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The NEW BATTLESHIP MASTS



U.S. BATTLESHIP COALING FROM A COLLIER, SHOWING NEW STYLE MASTS

THE officials who have the say of things at the U. S. navy department have evidently become thorough converts to the advantages of the new style masts, or "fire control towers," as they are technically termed, which have been installed on most of the United States battleships and are now being placed on the others. The government has been experimenting with these new "peach basket" masts for several years now, but it is only lately that there has come evidence that the new masts have been finally and definitely adopted as an adjunct of Uncle Sam's approved type of warships.

The new masts are so unique and so radically new that it is small wonder that the other powers have been slow in introducing such an innovation. No other nation in the world has anything of this sort on its fighting craft and so naturally Uncle Sam could not profit by the experience of anybody else. Then too, it costs thousands and thousands of dollars to build and install one of those great steel structures and naturally the navy department wants to be right ere it goes ahead in the matter. This stage has now been reached.

First of all an experimental mast was rigged up on the monitor Florida, and in order to try out the new invention under actual war conditions the monitor was anchored in Hampton Roads and shells were fired at the mast by the huge guns in a warship stationed some distance away. The new kind of tower withstands the gunfire well enough to justify many of the claims which had been made for the invention theoretically. Thereupon Uncle Sam went ahead and ordered such masts installed on a number of the old battleships of our navy and on those then building. A total of 22 masts were thus put in service and then a halt was called in order to make thorough exhaustive tests of the new masts under every imaginable condition of sea service. It is this period of probation which has just now come to an end. There were rumors at one time that the new style mast had been pronounced a failure and would be discontinued, but this proved unfounded. The new invention has been officially endorsed and now the work will

proceed of not only providing such masts on all our battleships but also on the armored cruisers. The new "woven wire" or "peach basket" mast, as they are familiarly called, are primarily observation towers and their function is an integral part of the modern "fire control" system of our battleships—the system for directing and governing the gunnery fire in time of battle. The peculiar construction of the new structures is to be attributed to a desire to safeguard the electrical and other communication lines upon which the greatest dependency is placed in time of battle—the nerves of the battleship, as it were. For years there was a constantly increasing storm of criticism against the tapering steel tubes known as military masts, with which the battleships were formerly fitted. It was claimed that a single well-placed shot from an enemy's 12-inch gun would sever that style mast and in addition to heavy loss of life would rob the ship of its observatory and searchlight station.

On the other hand it is claimed that an enemy

TRAGEDY OF OLD OCEAN

Disappearance of Captain and Crew Never Was Satisfactorily Explained

THE mystery of what became of the master and crew of the British bark *Invernesshire*, which sailed from Hamburg for Santa Rosalia, Cal., and was found at anchor and abandoned off the Falkland Islands, recalls vividly to the nautical mind the fate of the brig *Mary Celeste* of New York, for nearly forty years the prize riddle of the sea, the Bangor (Me.) correspondent of the New York Times writes. The *Mary Celeste* sailed from New York for Genoa with a cargo of petroleum and alcohol. She was commanded by Capt. Benjamin S. Briggs of Marion, Mass., with Albert G. Richardson of Stockton, Me., as first mate, Andrew Grilling of New York as second mate and Edward William Head of New York, Volkert Loesener, Arlen Harbens, B. Lorenzen and Gottlieb Gooshoedt, all of Germany, as the crew. The captain's wife and small child were also on board.

The brig was in first-class condition, well manned and well equipped in every way, and when she sailed from New York on November 11, 1872, the whole ship's company was happy and contented. Yet none of them was over again seen, dead or alive. The brig was found on December 4 of the Azores, drifting aimlessly about in light winds, with her head sails set and all her other canvas down. There was nothing to show why she had been abandoned or what had become of her people. She was thus found by the brig *Del Grata* from New York for the Mediterranean, and after a careful examination Captain Moorehouse of the *Del Grata* put a prize crew on board and sent her to Gibraltar, where she arrived on December 13, 1872, and was turned over to the admiralty court. Her owners refused to pay the heavy salvage demanded and let the salvors take her.

Among the officers' effects which were sent home was the mate's log, and this, with other articles, was returned to the father of the lost sailor, the late Theodore M. Richardson of Stockton. One significant passage, the last written, appeared in the log:

Victory With The Rattler

Monarch of the Air Meets Defeat and Death in Its Contest With Reptiles.

The event of the first year of Tzah, the rattler's life, was an attack out of the sky. High up in the limpid air of the desert sky the rattlesnake saw a black speck gyrating. All morning it had coiled in gigantic circles. It was not that Tzah over-estimated the

strength of his own sturdy three and a half feet; on the contrary, he did as do all other creatures in the presence of danger, he hid himself. In this case, he thought he had hidden himself, but the telescopic, sharp eyes of the bird miles above spied his head protruding from beneath the palmetto leaf.

The rattlesnake lay, unsuspecting, not seeing that the speck above had

come nearer and nearer until it had grown into a gigantic eagle measuring the length of a man from tip to tip. Within 150 yards of the earth, soared the gigantic bird. Head first,

rattler rattling his challenge to a second bout. For ten, for twenty minutes, Tzah remained aroused. Half a mile up in air a speck began to describe crazy gyrations. Drunkenly it soared, it fell, wings closed, only to catch itself once more. Then it topped, head foremost, an inanimate mass of flesh and bone, sinews and feathers. Philadelphia North Amer-

TRAINMEN SEE TWO DEER IN A BATTLE

RIVALS FOR HERD LEADERSHIP, LOCKED BY THEIR TANGLED HORNS ARE SHOT.

DID NOT HEED THE ENGINE

Inflated Wild Creatures Continue Their Deadly Struggle Until Exhausted and Are Then Killed by Hunters—Unique Spectacle.

Anaconda, Mont.—A battle to the death was fought by two buck deer in Silver Bow canyon at night within a few rods of the Butte-Anaconda & Pacific railroad track. The incident is one that might be found in one of the Leather Stocking Tales or form a chapter in the life of Kit Carson, though it was viewed from the engine—and the cushioned seats of a twentieth century passenger train and was brought to an end by two bullets from a rifle.

The scene was lighted by a full moon, and from the canyon head arose the majestic mountain sides of shale rock, with rugged peaks and the broad sweep of the grassy slope crowned with pine trees shutting in the wild glen through which the iron horse has right of way.

It was while the freight train bound for Butte was climbing the grade at eight o'clock in the evening that Conductor Archie Kimball and crew saw the first of the battle. The headlight of the engine shone on the scene like the spotlight on a stage setting, and the trainmen saw the monarchs of the forest engaged in deadly combat, lunging, thrusting, parrying and plunging again and again at each other with powerful antlers.

Engrossed in the struggle, the wild creature paid no attention to the passing train. The freight crew told the crew of the passenger train that leaves Butte at 11:15 what they had seen and these men in turn notified the passengers of the Butte-Anaconda train, so that all were on the watch, though scarcely expecting that the battle of the early evening would still be on at midnight, when they were due to pass the scene. But it was.

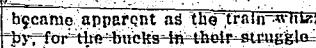
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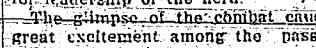
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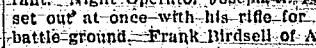
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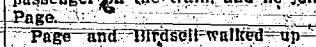
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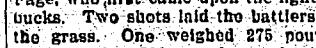
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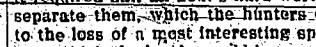
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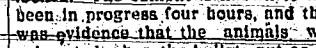
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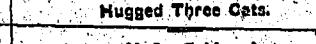
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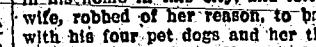
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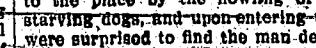
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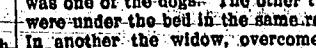
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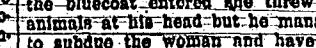
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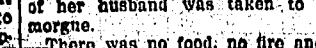
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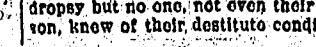
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THE LEGISLATURE DOWN TO BUSINESS

THE GOVERNOR WILL HAVE AN ADVISORY CABINET MADE UP OF STATE OFFICERS

LEGISLATIVE JUNKETS CUT OUT THAT BUSINESS MAY BE EXPEDITED

Taxes and Woman Suffrage Will Come Up in Form of Constitutional Amendments.

(Special Correspondence)

Lansing, Jan. 9.—One man in the new Osborn administration who has made good in a hurry is Major William R. Gates, of Laurium, military secretary to the governor. It looks like an easy job to an outsider to meet people and conduct them to the governor but infinite tact is needed to weed out those whose business is unimportant and who would only use up time which the governor must give to the important affairs of state. Then there is the vast amount of correspondence which flows into the executive office every day. Letters come on every conceivable subject under the sun and also on a few subjects which no one would believe it possible for people to conjure up reasons to write about. This must all be sorted out and those which the governor must see transmitted to him and the others cared for in the routine of the office. A mistake is likely to cost a friend and a rare discrimination is necessary. The first week at Lansing was an exceedingly trying one for both the governor and his new secretary but they came through with flying colors and are now settling down to an administration which promises much. Major Gates considered carefully before he accepted the position and finally took it because of a desire to be identified with the Osborn administration. In order to do so it was necessary for him to sacrifice a valuable law practice in Laurium.

The Governor's Cabinet.

Gov. Osborn will model his administration of state affairs and the transaction of executive business along national lines. One of the first things he will do will be to form a cabinet to be composed of the eleven state officers and the heads of the various state departments. Frequent meetings of this cabinet will be held so that the governor may have the advice of these men on the business of Michigan and that plans may be formulated and discussed which will bring the machinery of government to the highest state of efficiency. This is a distinct innovation in the administration of the executive office and the result will be watched with great interest.

Decrease of Employees.

Speaker Baker has inaugurated a regime of economy in the house. The number of house employees has been cut from 43 to 34 and the new speaker promises that it will not be increased. However, in the past, similar statements have been made but occasionally after the opening of the session resolutions have been shown through increasing the number and before the end of the session, the same old number would be reached.

Miller's Tax Amendment.

Rep. Guy A. Miller of Detroit has prepared a constitutional amendment which, while differing slightly from the tax recommendations of Gov. Osborn, is along the same line. It provides for the collection of a corporation tax which will be used to pay all state expenses, the counties paying all of their local taxes and no state tax. This does away with the present infirmary school fund and the measure is sure to be bitterly fought, especially by those districts which now receive more in school money than they pay in state taxes.

Woman Suffrage.

Rep. D. A. Green of Pontiac has introduced in the house a resolution providing for the submission to the people of a constitutional amendment which gives women universal suffrage. The measure has the backing of the Federated Women's Clubs of the state, the State Grange and many other organizations and is sure to be backed strongly in the legislature. The organized women of the state are planning to maintain a permanent lobby here for the purpose of urging the measure and a warm time is expected.

War Veterans.

For the 120 members of the legislature, there are just three veterans of the Civil War. One is Judge Becker of Raw Paw, another Rep. Reinhart of Ypsilanti, and the remaining one, Rep. Graves of Adrian. There are also three members who participated in the Spanish-American war, Senator James and Reps. Stewart and Gause.

No Junkets This Session.

There will be no more legislative junkets. Both the house and the senate have adopted resolutions doing away with the 10-day recess of other sessions when the various committees went out on a joy riding trip around to the state institutions, particularly to the upper peninsula. In which trip a special train was always engaged. Under the new regime the committee will fix their time for slipping away to look over the institutions and will not interfere with the consideration of legislation by the remainder of the members.

The Democratic Members.

The Democratic party has a larger representation in the legislature than it has had since the '90's. In the house are 13 members of the minority party and in the senate three. About the only sign of activity from a party standpoint which the minority is showing is that it has agreed to vote for John T. Winship for United States senator when the election takes place on Jan. 17. Of course, Charles E. Townsend will be elected by the legislature in accordance with the wish of the people expressed at the primaries, but the Democrats will remain loyal to their candidate.

Want Copies of Message.

Flocks of letters are pouring into the executive offices asking for copies of the inaugural message of Gov. Osborn. It has attracted the attention of the country and demands are coming from every state and from every class. Students of political economy, corporation lawyers, business men, politicians and officials of every kind are asking for it and the original edition of 2,500 copies has been ordered.

To Live in Lansing.

Gov. Osborn will make his home in Lansing during the entire two years of his administration. He has leased apartments in the Downer house in which he and Mrs. Osborn are living and has also moved his private secretary and office force from the Soo so that his private business may be transacted from Lansing. The saddle horses of the governor are to be shipped at once and the new executive is preparing to take his usual exercise. He has also been making inquiries about the surrounding country in a fashion which indicates that he is planning long rambles through Ingham county.

That Pardon Board.

Slue the Pardon Board came up on the matter of expense and salaries of the members which shows that the work done cost the taxpayers some good sums. The records show that the board cost the state \$27,607 during the last four and one-half years. From July 1, 1910, to January 1, 1911, the cost of maintaining the board was \$37,402. Figuring on the past years, the cost for the coming year would have reached \$7,000. The secretary put in an expense account amounting to \$12,667 for the past six months, and in addition he received a salary of \$750, his yearly stipend being \$1,500. Since he became a member of the board in 1907, E. A. Blakeslee, the one remaining member of the original pardon board, has cost the state \$9,418.77. The law provides that the members of the pardon board shall receive \$7 per day and expenses, and there is apparently no limit to the number of days the board shall be in session. At some of the meetings held in this city the state paid the hotel bills of the members and in addition handed each of the trio \$7 per day for his services.

Some Good Advice.

In his preliminary address to the senate Lieut.-Governor Ross said: "There is only one matter upon which I shall insist and that is that we work with all the speed possible, keeping in mind the importance of the task to be performed—much of the criticism of the legislatures of the past has come because of the length of time taken in their deliberations. Whether this criticism was just I have no means of knowing, but I do believe that with the elimination of the many local questions formerly receiving attention at the hands of the legislature we can make a record for brevity with efficiency, or when we shall all be proud."

Speaker Baker concluded his address to the houses: "No longer are we chosen by the convention system of delegated authority. For the first time in the history of our state, all the members of this body were nominated and elected by direct vote of the people. Having reposed confidence and trust in us, they have a right to expect from us our best efforts for the public good."

The Liquor Committee.

There was much speculation previous to the opening of the session regard to who would be named on the liquor committee by the Lieutenant-governor. This was largely due to the stories circulated in the primary campaign that Mr. Ross was the candidate of the liquor interests. He clearly proved by the makeup of the committee that the charge was unfounded. Senator George Scott of Detroit is chairman and the other two members are Senators Bradley of Greenville and Watkins of Jackson. All three have had experience before and have made good. The selection indicates that the Neutonian governor is going to be absolutely fair in the liquor question and the committee gives satisfaction to both the drys and wets, who recognize that the three men are both exceptionally able and honest.

Just Gossip.

Of course at this stage of the game one can gather all sorts of rumors as to the lineup in the Senate to bulk the governor's efforts in most any direction and if one were to judge by some of the gossip the special feature of the Senate action will be in that direction. But will it? There are too many important things at stake for that body to take such a course. There will be warm times, but the governor is persistent and persuasive as well as aggressive brought about a breach between him self and the corporation board of directions which has gradually grown wider.

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FRUSTRATED PLOT IF CARRIED OUT WOULD HAVE BEEN A HORROR

"Free" Labor Is Believed to Have Smuggled in Explosives; Visitors Barred From Shops.

A plot to blow up Jackson prison and make a general prison delivery was probably frustrated by the timely discovery of 18 ounces of nitroglycerin and the subsequent discovery of five sticks of dynamite inside the prison walls.

Just how the explosives got there is not known, but an investigation which has been secretly carried on may solve the mystery. That it was smuggled in by free men is without question, but the identity of that person or persons is unknown, or at least has not been given out.

Had the plot been carried out, it would have blown the whole institution into fragments and resulted, doubtless, in the loss of many lives, while hundreds might have lived to escape.

It is said that a quarter of an ounce of nitroglycerin is powerful enough to blow up the biggest iron safe in Michigan, and with 18 ounces and five sticks of dynamite exploded, it is starting to imagine what the result might have been.

The discovery of the plot will make it mighty uneasy for the 700 odd inmates of the institution locked in cells every night, as it is not known whether more explosives are secreted within the walls or not.

Warden Simpson issued an order forbidding admission of visitors to the shops or yards of Jackson prison, pending completion of the search for explosives, and the unravelling of the plot to blow up the prison.

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Constance.—Why did you quarrel with Dick?

Grace.—Why, he proposed to me last night.

Connie.—What of that?

Grace.—Why, I accepted him only the night before.

Father of the Man.

Miss Amelia Austin listened with breathless attention to Mrs. Huntington's painful account of the doings of James Huntington, her husband's younger brother, who had left Wisconsin in the hills in his youth and had become a millionaire.

"Where is Jim this summer?" Miss Amelia inquired, at the end of the official.

"He has gone abroad for baths," replied Mrs. Huntington.

"I ain't one minute surprised to hear that," Miss Ames said. "His mother never could make him wash his neck."

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Ypsilanti.—The Knights of the Hammer, otherwise the Michigan Auctioneers' association, will hold its eleventh annual meeting at the Hawkins hotel here January 11. It is expected that a large number of the members will be present.

Battle Creek.—George Woodbeatt, a Bohemian, was seriously slashed in a fight said to have been started by Joseph Smart. Both were roomers at 59 Claire street, where the cutting occurred. Smart has disappeared.

Grand Rapids.—When he tried to board a moving south-bound street car here, Albert Gang, eighteen, of Holland, was struck by a north-bound car as he hung on the rear side step. He was thrown 20 feet and his skull crushed against the pavement. He died a few minutes later in a local hospital.

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Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, JAN. 12

Local and Neighboring News.

Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are \$1.50 per year. In ADVANCE. If you time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondence, etc., must reach us by Tuesday forenoon, and can not be considered later.

Order your coal of Salling-Hanson Co. Prices low, and prompt delivery.

Geo. Langevin and Karl Halter each lost a valuable horse last week.

Geo. Langevin delivers St. Charles coal at your house. Phone 591.

Bates sells the best Coal.

Let me quote you a price on Royal Sabotato Roofing, put on. F. R. Jeffrow.

A. L. Pond went to Detroit Saturday with his wife, who goes for medical aid.

Beech and Maple Block Wood for furnaces. Leave orders with SALLING-HANSON COMPANY.

Ex-Sheriff Amidon is improving slowly, though not as rapidly as his friends desire.

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Fine Bathroom Outfit in display window No. 400 Cedar street, F. R. Deckrow.

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Salling-Hanson Co., are operating the band mill on the west side, both night and day now.

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Mr. and Mrs. Karl Halter spent their Holiday vacation with old friends in Toledo, and report a very enjoyable time.

FOR SALE—At this office a good, light one-horse sleigh and a medium heavy two-horse Harrison sleigh, both have been used a short time, but are all right.

Mrs. Austin L. Bailey of Pittsburgh, Pa., sister of Mrs. Eberhard Hanson, returned home last Friday, having visited her sister here for over a week.

Constipation is the cause of many ailments and disorders that make life miserable. Take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, keep your bowels regular and you will avoid these diseases. For sale by all dealers.

All soldiers and their wives are invited to attend the Joint Installation of the W. R. C. G. A. R. and banquet at their hall Saturday, Jan. 14, 1910.

Conrad Wm. Woodburn celebrated his 80th birthday, last Monday. He shows the effect of his Andersonville experience during the civil war, but enjoys meeting old comrades, though much of the history of war times has become but a dim memory.

You know that fully nine out of every ten cases of rheumatism are simply rheumatism of the muscles due to cold, damp, or chronic rheumatism, and require no internal treatment whatever? Apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely and see how quickly it gives relief. For sale by all dealers.

The Title Guarantee and Surety Co. of Scranton, Pa., is among the strongest in the world. Bonds for School, Township, County or state officials, written by them are accepted everywhere, and at so small a cost that no one need be dependent on the kindness of personal friends.

P. PALMER, Agent.

When buying a cough medicine for children bear in mind that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is most effective for colds, croup and whooping cough and that it contains no harmful drugs. For sale by all dealers.

Our local mills have suffered from a shortage of log supply, owing to the terrific storms of late, and blockade on all the logging branches. Conditions for logging are very favorable, and a larger supply than ever will be put in.

The Hungarian Orchestra accompanied by a celebrated Hungarian Prima Donna will be heard at the opera house Wednesday, Jan. 18. This is the most expensive number of the 1910-11 Lyceum Course, and will be a rare treat to music lovers. Seats will be on sale at Lewis' Drug Store Monday, Jan. 16. No reservations by phone.

D. Owen a Detroit eye ear nose and throat specialist for 26 years who pays special attention to treating eyes and fitting glasses, is expected in Grayling on professional business Jan. 16 and 17.

Medicines that aid nature are always most effective. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts on this plan. It relieves the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Thousands have testified to its superior excellence. Sold by all dealers.

The Herald-Times of West Branch is almost a twin of the AVAVALANCHE, having entered on its 33d volume, last week, one day later. It has arrived at a prominent position in the newspaper field; and our friends in Ogemaw county may well be proud of its success.

A part of the school had to be dismissed for half a day last week, until the rooms could be made comfortable.

O. S. Hawes, Detroit representative for Salling-Hanson Co., was in this city all of last week, and returned home Saturday.

Street commissioner Nelson earned his salary last Monday morning, trying to get the walks passable for the children in time for school.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Owen of Lowell spent two weeks of holiday time at Flint, Holly and Ortonville, returning last week thoroughly rested and happy after their visit.

D. J. Peterson of Toledo, Ohio, and H. C. Creith of Columbus, Ohio, lumber dealers, were in the city Friday, manufacturing business with our local manufacturers.

Last week was a hummer for weather. Four nights in succession registered from 13 to 18 degrees below zero, and Sunday night gave us five inches additional snow, which a 40 mile gale piled in almost impossible drifts in the roads running north and south.

Rev. A. P. W. Becker former pastor of the Danish church here, sends renewal of his subscription, and with it, what will be as fully appreciated, in his New Year's greeting and best wishes to his many friends in Grayling. Their present address is Grant, Mich.

News is received from Detroit, that Gus Wilde, who went to a hospital in that city about three weeks ago, died Tuesday afternoon. The body will be brought here for interment, and the funeral, at the Danish Ev. Lutheran Church, will be under the auspices of the Lodge of J. O. O. F., of which he was a member, next Friday.

About three o'clock yesterday morning the alarm on fire turned out the village. The department was quickly on the ground and saved adjoining property. The fire was in a dwelling owned by Emil Kraus, in Brink's addition and occupied by Emory Potter. The building was insured for \$350.00, entirely consumed, loss \$600.00. Mr. Potter had no insurance and his loss by fire and water and hasty removal will probably reach \$200.00.

Died—At the home of her sister in this village Jan 4th, Mrs. Matilda Ingley aged 67 years and was buried by her husband's side Jan 6th. The deceased had been an invalid for many years and life only made happy by the loving kindness of her family and friends. After the death of her husband in December she was taken to the home of her sister Mrs. Les Prance, where peace and rest came to her. She was ready for the journey and though sincerely mourned and missed all must rejoice that the suffering is past.

The Grayling Social Club gave their Annual Dancing party, at the Club Room, Saturday evening December 31st and danced the old year out and the new year in. A very large crowd was in attendance, and among the out of town guests we noted the following:

Mrs. F. L. Michelson of Johannesburg, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hartwick of Detroit, O. S. Hawes of Detroit, Miss Vera Ballard of Bay City, Miss Bertha Woodburn of Johannesburg. Following the dancing a delightful luncheon was served.

The proposed Farmers Institute has been called at Grayling, Friday and Saturday, February 3rd and 4th, 1911. The state speakers are W. F. Rayen, East Lansing; Prof. S. B. Smith, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington D. C., E. M. Moore of Wixom, H. B. Cannon of Rochester and Miss Jennie Buell, Secretary of Michigan State Grange, Ann Arbor, Mich. There will be a meeting of the Vice Presidents at the court house in Grayling, Saturday, January 14th, at 2 o'clock p.m., to arrange program and complete arrangements for the meeting.

DAVID CHRYSLER, Prop.

A New Dish.

At the Graham Restaurant on Norway street you can find a new dish for this season, though it has been in the city restaurants. It is the "Oyster Cocktail" which is pronounced delicious by all oyster lovers.

Cold and test in only 10 cents a glass.

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EYE AND EAR SPECIALIST.

Dr. Owen the well known physician who has practiced his specialty in Detroit 26 years will be in Grayling on professional business next week, and may be consulted at the Russel House from 2 p.m. Monday, January 15, until noon Wednesday January 18. Dr. Owen tests eyes and ears, fits glasses, and treats deafness and all diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, including cross-eye, cataracts, etc.

Dr. Owen bears with him the highest Detroit credentials, as well as one from Dr. Harris, Gaylord, at whose office he has been making professional visits for several years past.

The Crown Chemical Co.

The annual meeting of the Crown Chemical Company was held at the general office in Toledo, Ohio, on Monday, January 24, 1911, and the following directors elected: O. A. Albright, W. W. Campbell, K. A. Halter, E. W. Baker and J. A. Miller.

President—O. A. Albright.

Vice Pres.—E. W. Baker.

Sec'y and Treas.—W. W. Campbell.

Supt.—Karl A. Halter.

Mgr. Sales Dpt.—S. W. Grant.

The meeting was harmonious, and the stockholders were much pleased at the success of the company for the past year, and all looked forward to a prosperous year in 1911. It was decided to put in a large amount of new machinery and equipment.

Negative and Positive.

He who is silent is forgotten; he who abstains is taken at his word; he who does not advance falls back; he who is overwhelmed, distances.

He who ceases to grow great becomes smaller; he who leaves off, gives up; the stationary condition is the beginning of the end—it is the terrible symptom which precedes death.

To live, is to achieve a permanent triumph; it is to assert one's self against destruction; against sickness, against the anguish and dispersion of one's physical and moral being.

It is to will without ceasing,

or rather, to refresh one's will day by day.

Amelia's Journal.

Thirty-three Years Old.

We were busy last week to notice the thirty-third anniversary of the birthday of the AVAVALANCHE.

Twenty-nine years ago next month the present management adopted the "child", from Salling-Hanson and Co., who had carefully nursed it for the preceding year, but finding it required so much care, they were willing to let it go.

With the prosperity and growth of the county, it has more than quadrupled in every department, especially in the jobbing line, where it is now in condition to cope with any of the rural areas of the state, having a large line of up-to-date type and material and four power presses in place of the old Washington hand press, on which its life was being barely continued, when we took it in charge.

The great advance in cost of paper and labor during the past five years has made it a strenuous proposition, but the loyal support of our people, for which we are grateful, has allowed us to succeed.

Our promise for the future, is but a repetition of the past. We will serve you as best we can, ever keeping in mind what seems to us the best interest of this part of Michigan, and wishing all a prosperous and Happy New Year.

Stop! Look and Listen. Watch for the appearance of dates announcing Dyer & Nolan's production of the five act Comedy-Drama "No Mother to Guide Her." They have secured the right to produce this bit from the Oscar Cook Stock Co. now playing in five of the principal cities of Michigan.

Married at Wolverine Dec. 27, 1910, Mr. Alfred Valla of Beaver Creek and Miss Anna Thompson of Maple Forest. Alfred Valla was born and raised in Beaver Creek, and he returned home with his bride to stay on the old homestead and work it. His mother will be with them; their many friends wish them a long happiness through life.

Schilinsky's Budapest Hungarian Orchestra with Madame Daura De Rudnyansky, prima-donna soprano will be heard at the opera house Wednesday evening, Jan. 18. This is probably the finest musical talent which has visited this place. Do not miss it. Seats on sale Monday, Jan. 16, at Lewis' Drug Store. No reservations by phone.

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This is a great little country, and we have the census figures to prove it.

It is said that a new United States gun is the most powerful. Surely, why not?

A Brazilian revolt has come to be about as serious as a hunting season to this country.

A Maryland man wants a divorce because he is afraid of his wife. But who of us isn't?

Under a new law it is a crime to treat in Tacoma. Tacoma must be the original tightwad town.

A woman gets a place as a wireless operator because the C. Q. D. heroes are said to be lazy.

They are planning to keep tab on the people who have domestic troubles. Just as if that would stop them!

An advertisement says that every home should have a talking machine. Evidently the man who wrote it is not married.

A man in Michigan dislocated his jaw by laughing over his wife's joke. The reverie never would or could have happened.

A Philadelphia man committed suicide with a safety razor, but so far we haven't heard of a woman cutting her corns with one.

If last summer's geranium pot were not so heavy it might be covered with velvet and thus become a very stylish hat for your daughter.

What did Woodrow Wilson mean when he told the governors assembled in Louisville that they had come to Kentucky for "stimulation?"

A Minnesota man, just as the undertaker was about to subdue him, sat up and cried, "Hello, Bill!" Such conduct is almost indecorous.

When the Ohio river takes a notion to fill up and go on a prolonged spree there is nothing to do but stand back and let the old thing have its way.

Economy.

A St. Louis man has invented a soundless soup spoon. This notable addition to the elegancies of society may be followed in time by the knifeless pie.

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Governor Osborn Advises The People's Law Makers

Run The Departments On Efficiency and Economy Basis

The message opens with a reference to the relations of the Executive and Legislative departments, and the necessity for close co-operation so that responsibility for legislative acts will be placed where it belongs.

Legislative Investigation.

Because of confusion and distract- ing out of institutional and departmental irregularities I wish to recommend a thorough legislative investigation by a special committee. This should be done at this time with as much independence, fearlessness, interest and thoroughness as one would expect to follow the inauguration of a competent and earnest democratic administration. The Republican party has promised to set in order the state. A general investigation such as is here suggested will disclose to the people of the state both those who have been faithful and those who have been unfaithful. Out of this information gathered would come ideas of improvement that would more than justify the time and expense involved in the work. The public has a right to know intimately and in detail about the condition of the state in every way.

The Veto Power.

I wish you to know my attitude as to the veto power of the governor. The judgment of the legislature as to matters legislative should be presumed to reflect exhaustive analysis and superior wisdom. As a general proposition the governor, in my opinion, should not interpose his veto unless information reaches him concerning a measure subsequent to its enactment that was not possessed during its discussion or for other reasons and rational reasons. The dominant party's fitness for legislative as well as executive government is always on trial, as is eminently proper. The people expect the legislature to assume a careful and patriotic plane in the consideration of all matters that come before it and in this I feel certain there will be no real disappointment.

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There is unusual need for the exercise of the closest economy in the management of the business of the state in every direction. I feel sure the legislature will appreciate this fact and arise to it. I hope that the number of legislative employees will be reduced to the lowest practicable point, without the slightest consideration of patronage. Although the salary of each legislator is low the remuneration of the fixed charges of the legislature are defined by the length of the session - I trust the legislators will not only decide to cut down the number of employees but will work one more day a week than has been the custom in the past, which should insure a shorter session and a resultant saving of money.

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Official reports disclose serious suffering in Presidio county along the Rio Grande frontier, Texas, 75 miles from the railroad.

The Christmas gift of 537 acres of land at Mount Braddock, Pa., to Fayette county for a site for charitable and correctional institutions is announced by the H. C. Frick Coal Co.

Adams Sherman Hill, professor emeritus of rhetoric and oratory at Harvard university, and the author of notable books on rhetoric, died yesterday in Boston, aged about 77 years.

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True to taxation legislation, I deem it advisable to call your attention to two features of our new State Constitution. One, the provisions affecting your authority to impose specific taxes and the other, the limitations of the subjects of taxation that shall hereafter contribute to the payment of interest upon our state educational trust funds and the surplus primary school fund interest.

Under the old constitution, authority to levy specific taxes was limited to banking, railroad, plank road and other corporations; and all specific taxes were pledged to the payment of interest on the educational trust funds, the surplus, if any, constituting a bonus distributed as interest upon the primary school fund.

The analogous provisions of the new Constitution differ from the old in certain marked respects. Section 4 of Article X provides that "The legislature may by law impose specific taxes which shall be uniform upon the classes upon which they operate"; and Section 1 of the same Article is to the effect that "All subjects of taxation now contributing to the primary school fund UNDER PRESENT LAWS shall continue to contribute to that fund, and all taxes from such subjects shall be first applied to the payment of interest upon the primary school fund; university, and other educational funds in the order herein named, after which the surplus, of such monies shall be added to and become a part of the primary school interest fund."

Authority to resort to specific taxes is now practically without limitation, except as respects the provision of uniformity; and revenues derived from specific taxation extended to new subjects or subjects of taxation not now contributing to the payment of interest upon the educational funds, can properly be turned into the General Fund of the State and used to defray the ordinary expenses of the State Government and are no longer required to be turned into the primary school interest fund.

I believe that much of significance and promise for betterment of taxation conditions in Michigan lies in these two changes in our Constitutional Law.

I am conscious of the fact that most of our taxation agitation in late years has been to displace the old system of specific taxation, particularly of railroads; and that a system has been evolved of taxing the property of railroads and other public service corporations on an ad valorem basis and according to average rate which is working well and advantageously to the state and as to which I suggest no change.

But in the agitation against specific taxation in the particular instances referred to, certain merits and advantages of that method of taxation have been lost sight of. I firmly believe that there are classes of property listed as the subjects of taxation under our general tax law that can never be taxed adequately or fairly or at all successfully by the ad valorem method which must be taxed fairly, adequately and without oppression and to the relief of the general taxpayer. If withdrawn from general taxation and subjected solely to specific taxation.

To the possible remedying and improvement of our taxation law along the lines indicated, I would invite your attention and consideration.

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GOVERNOR OSBORN'S SUGGESTIONS TO END TRAFFIC IN DRUGS WITH PRISONERS.

"IF CONTRACTORS WANT TO BUY, LET THEM," HE TELLS THE BOARD AT JACKSON.

Governor Attends Meeting of the Jackson Prison Board and Makes "Hot" Suggestions.

Gov. Osborn went from Lansing to Jackson to attend the meeting of the prison board. He was invited to preside, but declined, saying he preferred to be present as a "burgher." At any event, he proved to be a most apt pupil, for before the meeting was over he made some startling suggestions which were taken by the members of the board with extreme respect.

The most radical statement made by the governor during his discussion of the abuse of the contracts which has allowed "free" men—men who are employed by the contractors of labor to work in the prison, though they are not convicts, to sell and give away drugs, such as morphine and opium.

During the discussion following the submission of the matter by Nathan Simpson, new warden of the prison, he exhibited a tin of opium confiscated by a guard from a prisoner. Thursday, the governor strongly endorsed an action which may do away with the entry of the free men into the prison. Mr. Simpson declared it is impossible to stop the traffic in the drugs while these men are allowed to enter the institution. Gov. Osborn then stated the plan should be abolished, and when it was suggested that contracts held by the employers might get the state into trouble, he exclaimed:

"If their coming into the prison is a detriment to the institution, ban them. If the contractors want to sue the state, let them sue."

Following this the board went into an executive session.

The governor sprang on the board a copy of the report of McPherson & Co., expert accountants, who checked up the books of the prison following ex-Warden Armstrong's dismissal. It was the first the board knew the report had been issued. The report called attention to a number of discrepancies. In one instance it cited the disappearance of \$2,000 of steel after it had reached the prison, and another instance of the disappearance of 39 bales which could not be accounted for. The sisal is used in the manufacture of binder twine and members of the board expressed concern to know what had become of it.

The report also criticised the system of bookkeeping at the prison. Judge Adams remarked to the governor that the system was installed by the state. "Perhaps that is the reason the system is no good," ejaculated the governor, who also inquired about the \$3,000 that had accumulated as interest on the savings of prison inmates. Until Warden Vincent took charge, this interest money was pocketed by the wardens of the institution, but since then it has been allowed to accumulate. Governor Osborn and the board favor the idea of making this interest money a general benefit fund for the inmates out of which to procure entertainments for them, supplies for the prison band and orchestra, etc.; also to be used for burial expenses when it is needed.

Higher Prices for Sugar Beets. An action that may ultimately result in a partial strike by farmers against the various sugar companies or the state was taken at a meeting of representatives of the several sugar beet growers associations in Bay City. The resolution adopted was that "we pledge ourselves on our sacred honor as men not to sign a contract unless we are to receive has been decided on by the Michigan Sugar Beet Growers' association and the factories."

Thirty farmers of Monitor township, Bay County, have recently agreed that unless they receive a flat rate of \$7 per ton for their beets, they will not raise the crop. Jacob Boes, one of the delegates, offered a resolution providing for an organization of farmers establishing a sugar plant of its own, but no action was taken on the motion. This plan was given a trial here some time ago, but it was found necessary to call in outside capital to make the factory a success.

Grant Fellows Appointed. Grant Fellows, of Hudson, has been appointed special counsel of the Unit. States for the causes arising out of condemnation proceedings at the Soc. He will be the leading counsel for strengthening the entire cause growing out of the condemnation of land for the new canal, including the situation created by the government in driving the Chandler-Dunbar com- munity out of the rapids.

There are a few cases of smallpox at Battle Creek, and all school children have been ordered vaccinated.

The Ann Arbor Varsity Glee club has returned from a holiday tour which was financial failure. The club made five stands, and did not make expenses in three of them.

Andrew Emerson, for many years the leading lumberman in the Bessemer section of the state, and with large lumber interests in Wisconsin, has made an assignment for creditors whose claims total about \$100,000. There are only about \$50,000 worth of assets. The closing of the Emerson mills will be a hard blow to the only manufacturing industry in the township.

The University hospital at Ann Arbor is under quarantine because of the presence in it of a number of scarlet fever cases. A nurse, Miss Irene Morris, is the latest victim. The cases are being cared for in the de- tention branch of the hospital.

Because there are 13 cases on the Missaukee county court docket for this term, people of that county are trying to have the cases settled off over. Among the 13 are six criminial cases, one of which is that of Charles Metro, charged with shooting Frank McConnell, of Jon- nings, in a cabbage patch some time ago.

DUE TO FREIGHT RATES.

It is Responsible for the High Cost of Living.

Declaring that excessive freight rates are responsible for the high cost of living, Ohio C. Barber, the millionaire match magnate of Akron, O., has sent a letter to every member of congress demanding reforms.

In addition to the regulation of freight rates, he demands that laws be passed that will effectively limit railroad and industrial capitalization.

He declares the freight business of the railroads costs each family \$87 a year. The latter, coupled with the other charges of the railroads, he asserts, has boosted the average railroad cost per family to \$127 annually.

Barber starts his letter to the congressmen with these three demands:

"What is the matter with America?

"Why has the seat of government been transferred to Wall street?"

Concluding, he says: "Personally, I appreciate fully the importance of stability of vested rights in property, corporate or personal."

"But I vigorously contend that the commission of excesses in the capitalization of corporate capital forfeits instantly the right to claim fair value for such capitalization in the levying of a tax upon the American public for the payment of dividends upon this watered stock. And in this offense the railroads always have set the pace."

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36 inch unbleached cotton, regular 8c, clearing sale price 6c	Ladies' fleeced lined underwear regular price 50c, sale price 38c	Tailored Linen shirt waists, regular price \$1.25, sale price 89c
36 inch bleached cotton, regular price 10c, sale price 8c	Ladies' all wool underwear, regular price \$1.00 sale price 79c	Tailored all-linen waists regular price \$2.50, sale price \$1.80
100s lace sheeting regular price 12-1/2¢, sale price per yard 9-1/2c	Ladies' fleeced lined union suits regular price 50c, sale price 38c	Fancy lawn shirt waists regular price 75c and \$1.00 sale price 49c
Sheet of the loom, regular price 13c, sale price per yard 10c	Ladies' fleeced lined union suits regular price \$1.00, sale price 79c	
Only ten yards to each customer of the above.	Ladies' fine Cashmere union suits regular price 3.00 sale price \$2.29	
10c Outing flannel clearing sale price per yard	All childrens wool and fleeced lined underwear sold as before, during our last sale	Large black hand bags, regular price \$1.50, sale price 89c
8c Outing flannel, clearing sale price per yard	Mens fleeced lined underwear, regular price 50c, sale price 37c	White duck bags medium size, regular price 50c and 75c clearing sale price 19c
6c Outing flannel, clearing sale price per yard	Mens all-wool underwear, regular price \$1.00, sale price 79c	Medium black leather bags, regular price \$3.00, sale price \$1.79
All our dress goods sold for same price as before during our last sale.		
Table linen, regular price 35c, clearing sale price 25c		25 cent Jabots now 8c
Table linen, regular price 65c, clearing sale price 50c		Patent leather belts 25c now 10c
Table linen, regular price 75c, clearing sale price 59c		Clothing
Table linen, regular price \$1.00, clearing sale price 70c	Mens Jersey over shirts regular price 50c, sale price 35c	Mens suits, regular price \$15.00, clearing sale price \$10.49
Table linen, regular price \$1.25, clearing sale price 98c	Mens Jersey over shirts regular price \$1.00, sale price 69c	Mens suits, regular price \$18.00, clearing sale price \$12.59
Table linen, regular price \$1.75, clearing sale price \$1.39c	Mens gray flanel over shirts regular price \$1.25, sale price 95c	50 Young mens suits regular price \$12 to \$15, sale price \$4.29
	Mens gray flanel over shirt regular price \$1.75, sale price \$1.39	Mens dress overcoats, regular price \$8 to \$12, sale price \$6.95
Kimonas and Sacques.	Mens blue flanel over shirts, regular price \$2.00 sale price \$1.49	
Flannelette and fleeced lined dressing sacques 34 to 46, regular price 50c, clearing sale price 39c	Mens blue flanel over shirts, regular price \$2.50 sale price \$1.89	Shoes
Fleeced lined kimonas, all fancy patterns, regular price \$1.00, clearing sale price 85c		Ladies' Queen Quality and Douglas at greatly reduced prices
Fleeced lined and flannelette kimonas stirred back, regular price \$1.25 clearing sale price 90c	Hosiery.	Mens' Douglas, R. J. & R. and Dr. Reed's shoes at greatly reduced prices.
Regular price \$1.50, clearing sale price \$1.19	Ladies' fleeced lined and cashmere hose regular price 25 cents, clearing sale price 19c	Star Brand shoes for boys and girls on sale
House dresses, all colors, sizes 34 to 46 regular price \$1.25 clearing sale price 98c	Ladies' all wool cashmere hose regular price 50c sale price 38c	Silk and lace scarfs, regular price \$1.00, sale price 79c
Ladies' bath robes, only a few left, regular price \$2.50 clearing sale price \$1.59	Gentlemen's cashmere half hose regular price 25c sale price 19c	Light Colored lace scarfs, regular price \$2.00, sale price \$1.19
All Ladies' Misses and Childrens dresses at greatly reduced prices.	Gentlemen's heavy hand knit all wool half hose regular price 50c, clearing sale price 30c	Men's Dress Shirts
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